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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,718, filed November 28, 2000 entitled "Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment: Photoselection of Nucleic Acid Ligands and Solution SELEX."

Please enter the following amendments into the instant application.

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